

Bethel Church of San Jose

2026 Candidate Profiles

Board of Deacons Candidates - Vote for three (3)



Melvin Manning

Mel and Frieda have been attending Bethel for 38 years and have been married for 41 years. They have two children, Daniel and Michelle. Daniel is married to Ali and they have a 4 year old daughter, Taylor (she is so special!).

Mel has been employed in finance / real estate for 41+ years and a public school teacher for 5 years, specializing in special needs children. Currently, he and Frieda are licensed real estate agents for 30+/25+ years.

During his 38 years at Bethel, he has served in the children's ministry, in Sunday school, and royal rangers as a commander. He has served on the Official Board for 6 years, taught the financial planning class, and is currently an usher and on the prayer team.



Dave Tencati

Dave is the owner of Scott's Automotive.

He has been a part of Bethel Church for 49 years. Dave and his wife Linda have 2 married daughters, Megan and Melissa and 2 grandchildren, Delaney and Maverick.

Dave has served on the Official Board, in Men's Ministry, on the safety team, has been a teacher in various classes and has led a life group.

He is currently serving in Men's Ministry and the safety team.



***Bob Harvey**

Bob is married to Sandy and they have two adult children: Kari and Mark.

Bob is retired from a career in technology. He has attended Bethel for 36 years and has served on the Finance Committee, Deacon Board, as well as leading various Sunday marriage and family classes.

Bob currently serves as Bethel's Executive Administrator, President of the Bethel Foundation, Heartbeat Ministry and the Greeting Team.

***Denotes Incumbent**

The remaining candidates are on the following page. Please be in prayerful consideration for these candidates.

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Hannah John

Hannah John and John Joseph have been married for 20 years and have 2 wonderful children Hansel John and Krysle John.

She has been attending Bethel Church since 2018. Hannah serves in the Building Committee, Bible Quiz Ministry, Women's Ministry and as a Greeter.

She has a passion for prayer and is involved in various ministries to see transforming revival in the Bay Area and our Nation.



Marty Couch

Marty and her family came to Bethel 13 years ago. Her husband Shane serves on the worship team and their kids, Julia (married to Isaiah), Ella, and Max are all attending different colleges.

Marty is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and has taught in various ministries at Bethel. Both Shane and Marty are Ordained ministers and Shane pastored in Cupertino for 17 years before they co-founded a ministry that Bethel supports: M2M, Inc.. Thank you!

Together they provide counseling and resources for clergy, here in the states and to missionaries around the world.



Sanad Kawar

Sanad and Heidi have been a part of Bethel for 10 years. They have two boys, Fares and Owen.

Sanad serves on the worship team playing the piano and on the Bethel Finance Committee. He previously led the Alpha online group.

He grew up in Jordan and has served in various worship teams, outreach conferences, and alongside his parents as they planted a church in Amman, Jordan.

Sanad completed his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Santa Clara University and is currently a Principal Circuit Design Engineer at Astera Labs and an Adjunct lecturer at Santa Clara University.

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World Missions Board Candidates - Vote for two (2)



Collin Roholt

Collin is an engineer for Intel. He has attended Bethel for 9.5 years. In that time, he has served in the youth group, young adults, Royal Family Kids, and teller committee.

Collin has also participated in Bethel's short term mission trips to Baja Mexico, LA Dream Center, and Royal Family Kids Camp. Currently he serves and teaches in the youth group.



Jenish Smart

Jenish Smart has attended Bethel Church since 2021. He is married to Gabby, and they are blessed with a daughter, Chloe. Jenish works at Intuitive Surgical as a Senior Manufacturing Engineer.

At Bethel, he has served by coordinating Christmas and Easter outreach initiatives and is currently involved in the Worship Ministry through music. He has previously served in Sunday outreach at Pacific Gardens Assisted Living in Santa Clara, co-lead the Alpha Course, supported new guest onboarding and follow-up, and volunteered with Convoy of Hope through Bethel Church.



Michelle Hawthorne

Michelle and her husband, Rich, have four adult children (Sarah, Alisa, David, and Daniel) and two grandchildren. They own a music school in Santa Clara.

Michelle has been attending Bethel Church since about 1980. She is currently attending the Santa Clara campus and helps lead the Sunday Women's Bible Study. She is also on Bethel's Women's Ministry Team.

She has previously served on the World Missions Board, in the Children's, Youth, and Young Married's ministries, and on a number of missions trips.



Kelly Rowe

Kelly has been attending Bethel since 2022. She and Jered married in 2013 and they have two children, Jeriah and Kaira.

Kelly and Jered enjoy working together for Teen Challenge; with Kelly as Director of Personnel and Outreach. Kelly's education includes a Bachelor's degree from UNR in Human Development and a Pastoral Certificate from MSO.

She's a licensed minister and has been involved in Women's ministries and a marriage group with Bethel. Kelly participated in several ministries with her previous congregation in Sparks, NV.

Please be in prayerful consideration for these candidates.